



Statement

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Central Health extends condolences to family and friends of deceased patient in second H1N1-related death

Central Health regrettably informs the public that a 40 year old male patient of the central region passed away this morning from complications of an H1N1 infection. This is the second H1N1-related death in the central region. The patient had multiple underlying medical conditions and was in the ICU on a ventilator for several days prior to his death.

"It's very upsetting to find ourselves in this situation again so soon. Today, I want to extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of this patient," said Karen McGrath, Chief Executive Officer, Central Health. "Another family in our region is mourning the loss of a loved one today and that is very sad indeed."

Out of respect for the family who are going through a very difficult time and for patient confidentiality reasons, further information with respect to the patient cannot be released.

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